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SUBJ: PARTICIPATION OF TWO VIETNAMS IN 30TH GA PLENARY

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1. WE INFORMED UN LEGAL COUNSEL SUY OF STRONG US OPPOSITION TO ANY REQUESTS BY TWO VIETNAMESE STATES TO SPEAK IN PLENARY WHEN AND IF GA CONSIDERS VIETNAM APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS ITEM AT BEGINNING OF 30TH SESSION. WE NOTED THAT, ON BASIS OF LIMA NON-ALIGNED DECLARATION, A PROPOSAL FOR GA TO RECORD SUPPORT FOR ADMISSION OF TWO VIETNAMS TO UN MEMBERSHIP MUST BE ANTICIPATED. SUY TOOK ACCOUNT OF OUR RECITATION OF TRADITIONAL PRACTICE THAT ONLY REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES ARE ENTITLED TO SPEAK IN PLENARY, AND THAT IN VIETNAMESE CONTEXT THE APPEARANCES IN PLENARY OF POPE PAUL IN 1965 AND OF ARAFAT IN 1974 ARE EXCEPTIONAL AND UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENTS WHOSE REPETITION SHOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGED.

2. COMMENT: WE ANTICIPATE FRIENDS OF THE TWO VIETNAMS WILL INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION BY WHICH GA WOULD CALL ON SC TO TAKE EARLY AND FAVORABLE ACTION ON VIETNAMESE APPLICATIONS. THE TWO VIETNAMS ARE ACTIVISTS, OUTSPOKEN AND MAY WELL DECIDE TO REQUEST A "HEARING" IN THE PLENARY ON THIS MATTER. THEIR REQUEST, BEING PROCEDURAL, WOULD REQUIRE ONLY A SIMPLE
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MAJORITY. IN VIEW OF THE RESENTMENT WHICH THE VETO POWER

TRADITIONALLY CREATES AND THE PARTICULAR DISLIKE OF MANY UN
MEMBERS FOR IST USE BY US IN THE VIETNAMESE CASE, WE WOULD
LOSE ANY FLOOR FIGHT AGAINST SUCH A "HEARING". THUS OUR ONLY
REALISTIC HOPE IS TO TRY TO CONVINCE THORN AND
SUY OF THE UNDESIRABILITY OF CREATING YET A FURTHER PRECEDENT
INVOLVING PARTICIPATION BY A NON-MEMBER IN PLENARY DEBATE.
HOWEVER, SUY DID NOT HOLD OUT A SERIOUS PROSPECT OF HIS TAKING A
SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE ON THE MATTER.
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